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SUBJ: TURKISH ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

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1. EMB IS SENDING INTERIM WRITTEN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR GOKMEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAKING POINTS IN PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL REGARDING USG CONSIDERATION OF AIDE-MEMOIRE PRESENTED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

2. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HAS DISCUSSED WITH VURAL, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF GATT MATTERS, MFA, NEED FOR DETAILS TO SUPPORT POINTS MADE BY GOT IN LANDE-GOKCE DISCUSSION IN GENEVA (PARAGRAPH FOUR REFTEL). VURAL PROMISED PROVIDE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SEEMED TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION
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IN HAND IN STUDY PAPERS WHICH AT PRESENT ARE INTENDED FOR

INTERNAL GOT USE. VURAL PROMISED TO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO GET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THIS MATERIAL IN FORM THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO USG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF RELEVANT CITATIONS.

REGARDING DUTY FREE ENTRY ON U.S. GOODS, FOR EXAMPLE, VURAL REFERRED TO TABLE SHOWING THAT IN 1970 21.7 PERCENT OF IMPORTS FROM U.S. WERE DUTY FREE, WHEREAS IN 1973 49.1 PERCENT WERE DUTY FREE.

REGARDING EFFECTIVE TARIFF RATES, HE REFERRED TO TABLE SHOWING SEVERAL HUNDRED KEY TARIFF ITEMS. ONE COLUMN SHOWS NOMINAL TARIFF RATES, AGAINST WHICH GRADUAL REDUCTIONS ARE BEING APPLIED PURSUANT TO TURKISH EEC AGREEMENT. NEXT COLUMN SHOWS EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO U.S. AS WELL AS EC AND OTHER COUNTRIES. NOMINAL TARIFF RATES ARE IN MOST CASES 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER, WHEREAS EFFECTIVE RATES ARE IN MANY CASES DUTY FREE OR AT FAIRLY LOW RATES WHICH WILL NOT BE REACHED FOR MANY YEARS UNDER GRADUAL REDUCTIONS FOR EEC.

VURAL WAS NOT SURE THAT EXEMPTIONS FROM HARMONIZATION OF TURKISH TARIFF WITH EC CXT COULD BE USED TO DEAL WITH PARTICULAR TRADE PROBLEMS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY'S TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES OR WHETHER THESE EXEMPTIONS ARE IN FACT LIMITED TO CASES WHERE TURKISH INDUSTRY MIGHT BE DISRUPTED. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE RELEVANT DETAILS FOR USE IN USG ANALYSIS.

3. EMB IS NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF TRADE COMPLAINTS FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS CONCERNING TURKISH PREFERENCES FOR EEC. HOWEVER, WE ARE CHECKING FURTHER ON THIS AS WELL AS WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC TARIFF ITEMS IN WHICH U.S. SUPPLIERS MIGHT BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISADVANTAGED. WILL REPLY SOONER.
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